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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE FOOD AID CONVENTION (FAC)

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B) STATE 17175

1. ON FEBRUARY 14, THE MISSION DISCUSSED THE EXTENSION OF THE FAC WITH EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS HIJZEN. WE REMAINDEN HIJZEN THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH HIM ON JANUARY 28 AND WE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DONE THE SAME WITH EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE RABOT ON THE BASIS OF REFTEL B.

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2. WE SET FORTH THE POINTS IN REFTEL A AND STRESSED PAR-

TICULARLY THAT THE US WOULD MAKE CLEAR IN THE FEBRUARY 20 MEETING OF THE FOOD AID COMMITTEE THAT THE US WOULD NOT SIGN OR RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THE FAC UNLESS THE EC WERE ALSO A PARTY. WE ALSO TOLD HIM THAT THE US WOULD CAREFULLY RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ABOUT CONTINUATION OF THE FAC UNLESS THE EC IMPROVES ITS PRESENT PERFORMANCE IN MEETING FAC OBLIGATIONS.

3. HIJZEN SAID THAT THE COMMISSION IS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR POSITION BUT THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE SEVERAL MEMBER STATES TO AGREE TO EXTENSION. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD INCORPORATE OUR PRESENTATION INTO A NOTE FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMISSION. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OUR FIGURES ON EC DELAYS IN COMMITMENTS AND SHIPMENTS UNDER THE 1971-72 AND 1972-73 FAC QUOTAS. HIJZEN DID NOT VENTURE ANY PREDICTION ON WHETHER THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE IN A POSITION EITHER BY FEBRUARY 20 OR FEBRUARY 26 TO ADHERE TO THE FAC.

4. WE TALKED SEPARATELY WITH WIJNMAALEN, LARDINOIS' CHEF DE CABINET, AND ASKED THAT HE ADVISE LARDINOIS PERSONALLY OF THE US APPROACHES. WIJNMAALEN ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION AGREES WITH THE US VIEW. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS FALLEN DOWN ON GRAIN COMMITMENTS AND SHIPMENTS UNDER THE FAC. HE HOPED THE US EFFORTS WOULD HELP PERSUADE THE UK AND DENMARK TO CHANGE THEIR POSITIONS ON EC ADHERENCE AND PUSH THE MEMBER STATES GENERALLY TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS.  
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